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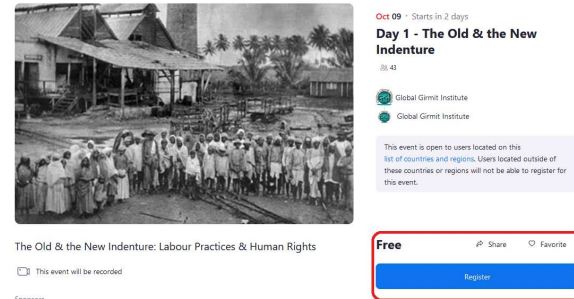
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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

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Official Opening: Hon. Premila Kumar, Minister for Education, Heritage & Arts, Government of Fiji.



The Official Opening of the Conference will be by the Hon. Minister for Education, Heritage & Arts of Fiji, Mrs. Pemila Kumar.

Hon. Kumar was appointed the Minister for Education, Heritage and Arts in August this year. She continues to be the Minister for Local Government. Prior to this she was been the Minister for Industry, Trade & Tourism; Minister for Local Government and Minister for Housing & Community Development. Hon. Kumar's diverse professional life has spanned across industries and shaped her perspective, one that is driven by both the empowerment and protection of ordinary Fijians. Starting her career as a teacher, she quickly rose through the ranks of the education sector before transitioning to policy, serving as a Government environmental advocate, and later, an investment manager at Fiji Islands Trade & Investment Bureau, currently known as Investment Fiji. She has served as the Chief Executive Officer of the Consumer Council of Fiji, a leadership role that she held for over 12 years — rightfully earning her the reputation of a staunch consumer advocate throughout Fiji and the Pacific. During her tenure she transformed the Council into a high-profile powerhouse for consumer rights. Minister Kumar was honoured with the Executive Woman of the Year Award in 2015 by Women in Business, and the *Fiji Times* named her Most Influential Woman of the Year in 2010. She has also served on various Boards and Committees. She is married and has three children.

Keynote Address: Sir Anand Satyanand. *History, Identity and Museums*

The keynote address will be delivered by the well-known New Zealander, Sir Anand Satyanand, a person who has maintained a number of interests to do with Fiji and its history, and whose grandparents were Fiji girmitya.

Sir Anand Satyanand is a former lawyer, judge and ombudsman who served as New Zealand's 19th Governor-General from 2006 until 2011. His grandparents migrated from India to Fiji, and his parents from Fiji to New Zealand. He grew up and was educated in Auckland, completing a law degree in 1970. After a dozen years in law practice, he was appointed to judicial office working as a District Court Judge for more than a decade beginning in the 1980s with a specialist warrant for criminal jury trials. There then followed a number of public appointments such as two terms as a Parliamentary Ombudsman before being invited to take up the Governor-General role. Since completion of that he has continued a range of activities internationally as well as in New Zealand. He chaired the Commonwealth Foundation, the people's organisation counterpart of the Commonwealth Secretariat, for four years, and has a continuing role on the International Advisory Committee of Transparency International. He has throughout his life made and maintained a number of personal and professional contacts in Fiji. Currently, he is Chancellor of the University of Waikato and President of the New Zealand Institute of International Affairs. He is married to Lady Susan Satyanand and has three children and five grandchildren.

In his Keynote address, Sir Satyanand will refer to the challenge for people today whether living in Fiji or in other countries, 100 years after the gimit ended, to record and be connected with the experiences of their forebears. He will refer to ways in which that might be done and to some of the issues that might bear resolving in creating a Museum, or a kind of Museum. Sir Anand has agreed to become a Patron of the Global Gimit Institute's Museum project.



Plenary Speakers

Dr Ashutosh Kumar: *Back to Homeland- Returnees Problems, 1916-1935*

Dr. Kumar is Associate Professor of History at Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, India and Chairman of Centre for Alternative Studies in Social Sciences (CASSS), New Delhi. He was fellow at the University of Leeds, United Kingdom, the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), New Delhi, the Centre for the Study of Slavery, Resistance and Abolition at Yale University and at Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla. His most recent publications include *Coolies of the Empire: Indentured Indians in the Sugar Colonies, 1830-1920*, Cambridge University Press, 2017; *The Indian Labour Diaspora* (authored with Professor Crispin Bates), Edinburgh University Press, 2017; *Re-visiting the First World War: Indian Soldiers in the Global Conflict* (with Claude Markovits), Routledge 2020. His book *'Girmitya Indians: Colonialism and Global Indian Diaspora'* is forthcoming from Routledge.



Professor Satish Chand: *Modern slavery and conflicting interests- Evidence from Seasonal Agricultural Workers in Australia*

Prof. Chand is Professor of Finance in the School of Business at the University of New South Wales and based at the Australian Defence Force Academy in Canberra. He is also an Adjunct Professor at the Crawford School of Economics and Government at the Australian National University. His research interests include labour migration, fragile states, and the challenges of development. For the past five years, Satish has been researching the nexus between defence and development, drawing on the experiences of external peacekeeping in Bougainville (PNG), East Timor, Liberia, Mozambique, and the Solomon Islands. This research has ramifications for pacification strategies in fragile states.



Closing Speakers

Ravindra (Ravi) Dev: *Our place in the world: Status of Girmityas and future prospects*

My talk will focus on what is meant by the “our” of the title - Girmityas - and relate it to the world in all its complexities, social, political cultural etc - in which we have found ourselves. It has been observed that “men make their their histories but not in circumstances of their making.” It behooves us to understand those circumstances to better equip ourselves to improve our prospects. I will begin with the inaugural 1989 “Global Organisation of People of Indian Origin” of which I was the Co-Chair on the “Conference on Political Participation”. It brought together Indians of all stripes and nationalities under the PIO label - scholars, businessmen, cultural activists and political figures to discuss our status and prospects. I will examine events since then within the concept of “coloniality of power” as a world system, ethnic relations/conflict within our nation states related to our “Indian” identity at the individual and group levels leading to questions of our legitimacy to hold power. I will conclude with the impact on these variables by a rising India that is now confidently defining itself as “Bharat” and brighter prospects for Girmityas. The responsibilities of intellectuals and academics will be emphasized



About Ravi Dev: 4th Generation Girmitya. BSc Econs, JD, Member of NY Bar; Corporate Exec (NYC) 1975-1990.
Returned to Guyana as Hindu activist 1991.
Formed “RISE, ORGANISE AND RALLY (ROAR) Guyana Movement in 2000 after anti-Indian Riot.
Elected to Parliament 2001-2006
Newspaper columnist since 1989.
Media Consultant - Guyana Times Media Group.
Sanghachalak: Hindus for Selfless Service

Professor Biman Prasad



Professor Prasad is a highly recognised international scholar in the Asia Pacific, contributing significantly to the debates on social and economic development issues in the region. He has been a Dean of the Business and Economics Faculty at the University of the South Pacific. He is currently a Member of Parliament and Parliamentary Leader of the Opposition National Federation Party in Fiji. His research interests include sustainable and inclusive economic development, food security and agricultural development, value chains, micro-businesses, gender and development, governance in development contexts, institutional constraints and organisational development, poverty, economic development and environmental sustainability (e.g. climate change, zonal development, renewable energy), social capital, and a range of social development issues. He has published extensively on these issues in academic peer reviewed papers. Until recently he was Director, Fiji Institute of Applied Studies and Professor Prasad is Associate Editor of the *Journal of Fijian Studies* and was the Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Pacific Studies*.

Prof Prasad has undertaken research and consultancy projects for international organisations such as the Asian Development Bank, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), Commonwealth Local Government Forum, Food and Agricultural Organisation, the World Trade Organisation, Dept. of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and governments in the Pacific region. Prof Prasad travelled extensively around the world to present keynote papers at many international conferences over the last several years. He has been a visiting Professor at Kagoshima University in Japan, Jawaharlal Nehru University in Indian and at Otago University in New Zealand. Professor Prasad has taught the WTO Regional Trade Policy Course for the Asia-Pacific region at the University of Hong Kong, the National University of Singapore, and the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade. He is an adjunct professor at a number of Universities in the Asia Pacific, including James Cook University, Griffith University and Punjabi University in India. He was a Steering Committee member of the AusAID report on the Pacific for 2009 and 2010. He has been a member of key international networks such as Chair of Oceania Development Network and member of Global Development Networks and Pacific Research Network. He is currently a board member of the Global Development Network.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics and Economics and Graduate Certificate in Education from the University of the South, He also holds a Master of Commerce from the University of New South Wales and Doctor of Philosophy in economics from the University of Queensland.

Session Chairs

Dr Farzana Gounder: Master of Ceremony & Conference Convenor

Dr. Gounder is a linguist and Deputy Head of School (Research) at IPU New Zealand Tertiary Institute. She is also an Adjunct Professor at the University of Fiji's JPD Law School. Her research interests include oral narratives of indenture and their role in collective memory formation, and discourses on health, human security and migration. She is the author of *Indentured Identities: Resistance and Accommodation in Plantation-Era Fiji* (2011), and co-editor of *Women, Gender, and the Legacy of Slavery and Indenture* (2020), *Social Aspects of Health, Medicine, and Disease in the Colonial and Post-Colonial Era* (2020), and *Collective Memory, Identity, and the Legacies of Slavery and Indentured Labour* (2021). With Maurits S. Hassankhan, she is co-editor of a ten volume series on Legacies of Slavery and Indentured Labour, published by Manohar and Routledge. Dr Gounder is also a member of the International Indentured Labour Route Project.
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Dr Shailendra Bahadur Singh: Chair of Session 1 *Legal, Business, Environment, Politics, Economics, Health, Migration, New Indenture, Pacific Labour Scheme*

Dr. Singh Bahadur Singh is Associate Professor of Pacific Journalism at the University of the South Pacific (USP), & Head of USP Journalism Department. He has written widely on Pacific media in relation to state and society, both as a journalist and as an academic. He graduated with a PhD from the University of Queensland in 2015. Before academia, Shailendra was editor of *The Review; Pacific Business magazine*; content editor of *Fijilive.com*; associate editor of *Daily Post*; and *Inter Press Service correspondent*. Dr Singh is the first PhD holder from the Pacific region to teach journalism at USP, and the first from the Pacific to lead the USP Journalism Programme.



Dr Sunil Kumar: Chair of Session 2 – *History, Legacy of Indenture & Construction of Identities*



Dr. Kumar is Associate Professor of Economics at the University of Fiji, and the Honorary Director of Fiji Institute of Applied Studies. Dr. Kumar specialises in Poverty Analysis, Small and Medium Enterprises, National Accounting Statistics and Development issues in general. He has vast experience in tertiary teaching and research with major interests in social, political and Giritiya identity issues. He has published widely and is associated with a number of academic and social organizations in Fiji.

Dr Rajni Kaushal Chand: Chair of Session 3 – *Language, Literature & Creative Arts 3*

Dr. Rajni Kaushal Chand is the Director for the Centre for Flexible Learning and a Senior Lecturer at the University of the South Pacific. Her areas of expertise are Open and Distance Learning (ODL), Applied Linguistics and Indian Diaspora. She has presented and published widely in these areas.

Dr Chand is a recipient of numerous honours, including VC's Excellence in Teaching Award at USP, the Australian Leadership Award, and a Commemorative Medal at Fiji's 50th Anniversary of Independence. She has recently been appointed a mentor in the COL's CommonwealthWise-Women mentoring programme. She is the Oceania Focal Point for International Council for Open and Distance Education (ICDE) Quality Network.



Programme

NOTES:

I. Keys to Time Zones:

A= Fiji Time. NZ:+1 hr; Aust: -2hrs for East Coast; - 4 hrs for West coast

B= Caribbean/East coast USA. For Suriname, add one hour.

C= India.

D= Mauritius & Reunion / Africa & Europe, shown as, for example, 12.30am/10.30pm, where 12.30am is the time in Mauritius & Reunion Island, while 10.30pm is the time in South Africa & Europe.

II. Paper Order:

The listing here has been done on the basis of best and most suitable times for presenters from different time zones. Presenters and session chairs can discuss on re-arranging the order on the basis of mutual convenience.

III. Recordings:

We encourage all presenters to get their presentations recorded and submitted to our technical team, which will put them online 48 hours prior to the session. We encourage participants to view the recordings. In presentations, we encourage presenters to summarise their main points, and allow for considerable time for discussion of their papers.

IV. Repeats:

All presentations and sessions would be recorded and be available for repeat viewing both, in the zoom lobby, as well as the Global Girit utube channel and the Global Girit facebook page.

9 October 2021 (Fiji Time)	A	B	C	D
Official Opening: Hon Premila Kumar, Minister for Education, Heritage and Arts, Government of Fiji	8.30am-10.00am	4.30pm (8 Oct)	2am (8 oct),	12.30am/10.30pm (8 oct),
Keynote Address: Sir Anand Satyanand				
Master of Ceremony: Dr. Farzana Gounder				

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Session 1: Legal, Business, Environment, Politics, Economics, Health, Migration, New Indenture, Pacific Labour Scheme (Chair: Dr. Shailendra Singh)					
Sunil Kumar & R Kumar	Fiji	10.00am to 12.30pm	6.00pm to 8.30pm (8 Oct)	3.30am to 6.00am	2.00am/midnt to 4.30am/2.30am
Farzana Gounder	NZ				
Nileshni Devi & Ashika Pratap	Fiji				
Sheenal S. Prasad & Sweta S. Devi	Fiji				
Sweeta S.Kumar, D. Chand, S Kumar	Fiji				
Raveena Maharaj & Shely Salokshna	Fiji				
General Discussion & Adjournment					
Session 2: History, Legacy of Indenture & Construction of Identities (Chair: Dr. Sunil Kumar)					
Vishnu Bisram	NY	12.30pm to 3.20pm	8.30pm to 11.20pm	6.00am to 8.50am	4.30am/2.30am to 7.20am/5.20am
Achal Ashna & Manisha	Fiji				
Meliki Kuricava & Tasmeen Nisha Shah	Fiji				
Mansraj Ramphal	T&T				
Makereta Pamela Bulukeinasiga	Fiji				
Lomarsh Roopnarine	US				
Sunil Kumar, Manpreet Kaur, A. Deepak	Fiji				
General Discussion & Adjournment					
Session 3: Language, Literature & Creative Arts (Chair: Dr. Rajni K. Chand)					
Kamala L. Naiker (Dr) & Dip D. Maharaj	Fiji	3.30pm to 6.45pm	11.30pm To 2.45am	9.00am to 12.15am	7.30am/ 5.30am to 10.45am/8.45am
Vandana Vikashni Nath	Fiji				
Ashna Siwan & Prashneel P. Singh	Fiji				
Washni Warsha Kumar & Parvin Lata	Fiji				
Shailesh Lal	Fiji				
Neha Singh & Sushma Pandey	Ind				
Ritu Tyagi	Ind				
General Discussion & Adjournment					

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Session 2: History, Legacy of Indenture & Construction of Identities... c/-					
Paokholal Haokip	Ind				
Naren Prasad & Paokholal Haokip	E/In				
Rajesh Basu	Ind	7.00pm	3am	12.30pm	11am/9am
Chandani Tiwari	Ind	To	To	To	To
Pawan Kumar Upadhyay	Ind	10.00pm	6.00am	3.30pm	2pm/12pm
Ouma Seebaluck	MRI				
General Discussion & Adjournment					
Plenary: Ashutosh Kumar	Ind	10.00pm	6.00am	3.30pm	2pm/12noon
Session 2: History, Legacy of Indenture & Construction of Identities... c/-					
Satyendra Peerthum	MRI	10.45pm	6.45am	4.15pm	2.45pm/12.45pm
Khemendra K. Kumar	Fiji	To	To	To	To
Archana Tewari	Ind	12.00am	8.45am	6.00pm	4.30pm/2.30pm
General Discussion & Adjournment					
Session 3: Language, Literature & Creative Arts					
Primnath Goptar	T&T				
Vijay Mishra	Aus				
Yatinkumar J. Teraiya	Ind	00.00am	8.30am	6.00pm	4.30pm/2.30pm
Anisha Badal-Caussy	MRI	To	to	to	to
Dawosing Jayganesh	MRI	3.30am	11.30am	9.00pm	7.30pm/5.30pm
Nalini Moodley Diar	SA				
General Discussion & Adjournment					

Sunday 10 Oct (Fiji Time)					
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Plenary: Satish Chand	Aust	8.30am	4.30pm (9 Oct)	2.00am	12.30am/10.30pm (9 oct),
Session 2: History, Legacy of Indenture & Construction of Identities ... c/-					
Vijendra Prasad	Aus				
Nirmala Balram	NZ				
Asha Chand (Dr.)	Aus	9.30am	5.30pm to 8.00pm (8 Oct)	3.00am to 5.30am	1.30am/11.30pm to 4.00am/2.00am
Nalini Naidu	Aus	To			
Doug Munro	NZ	12.00pm			
Baytoram Ramharack	NY				
General Discussion & Adjournment					
Session 1: Legal, Business, Environment, Politics, Economics, Health, Migration, New Indenture, Pacific Labour Scheme					
Shalima Mohammed	TT				
Kumar Mahabir	T&T				
Mohammed Alim	Fiji				
Pravind Kumar	Aust	1.00pm to 4.00pm	9.00pm to 12.00am	6.30am to 9.30am	5.00am/3.00am to 8.00am/6.00am
Jafreen Shifazia Khan	Fiji				
Annapurna Devi Pandey	Calif				
M S Jayakumar & Vishnu V J	Ind				
General Discussion & Adjournment					
Session 1: Legal, Business, Environment, Politics, Economics, Health, Migration, New Indenture, Pacific Labour Scheme					
Anshu Lal & Ashika Singh	Fiji				
Suvishna S. Singh & Sailesh Narayan	Fiji				
Meshal Manisha	Fiji				
Amba Pande	Ind	4.30pm To 7.30pm	12.30am To 3.30am	10.00am To 1.00pm	8.30am/6.30am To 11.30am/9.30am
Ravinesh R. Prasad & David Pradhan	Fj/In				
Henna Helvina Neerunjun	MRI				
Satish Nand & Ravneet Reddy	Fiji				
General Discussion & Adjournment					

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Session 3: Parallel Session					
भागीरथी भान	Fiji				
नरेश चन्द	Fiji				
S. Muneshwar	Aus				
सुभाषिनी लता कुमार	Fiji				
सरिता देवी चन्द	Fiji				
सुनीता नारायण	Fiji	4.30pm To	12.30am to	10.00am to	8.30am/6.30am to
Manisha Ramrakha	Fiji	7.30pm	3.30am	1.00pm	11.30am/9.30am
Suklesh Bali	Fiji				
Vidya Singh	Fiji				
Satya Dutt	NZ				
Salvin Kumar	Aus				
General Discussion & Closure					
Session 2: History, Legacy of Indenture & Construction of Identities					
Sanobar Haider	Ind				
Lijo Lal W & M S Jayakumar	Ind				
Geerjanandsingh Bissessur	MRI				
Jayshree Mungur-Medhi	MRI	7.30pm To	3.30am to	1.00pm to	11.30am/9.30am to
Jimmy Harmon	MRI	10.50pm	6.50am	4.20pm	2.50pm/12.50pm
Céline Ramsamy-Giancone	Rén				
Satchidanand Seethanen & Naren Prasad	Ren /E				
General Discussion & Adjournment					
Session 1: Legal, Business, etc					
Ivy Handique	Ind				
Aarshi Dua	Ind				
S. Singh Somra	Ind	10.50pm To	6.50am to	4.20pm to	2.50pm/12.50pm to
Selvan Naidoo	SA	1.30am	9.30am	7.00pm	5.30pm/3.30pm
Amita Esther David	Ind				
Gerard Gilles	Rén				
General Discussion & Adjournment					

Monday 11 Oct (Fiji Time)					
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Session 1: Legal, Business, Environment, Politics, Economics, Health, Migration, New Indenture, Pacific Labour Scheme					
Annapurna Devi Pandey	Calif				
Anawaita Matadradra	Fiji				
Christopher Asipara	SI	7.30am To	3.30pm to	1.00am To	11.30pm/9.30pm To
David Welchman Gegeo	SI	10.15am	6.15pm	3.45am	2.15am/12.15am
Sharnit Gosai, S Kumar & A Devi	Fiji				
Gerard Gilles (rec)	Ren				
General Discussion & Session Closure					
Session 2: History, Legacy of Indenture & Construction of Identities					
Anjali Singh	Ind				
Krish Naidu	NZ	10.30am To	6.30pm to	4.00am to	2.30am/12.30am to
Rahul Krishna Raju	Aus	12.00pm	8.00pm	5.30am	4.00am/2.00am
General Discussion & Session Closure					
Session 4: Concluding Session					
Ravi Dev: Future Directions					
Indenture Data Base Presentation		12.00pm to	8.00pm to	5.30am to	4.00am/2.00am to
Launch of Journal: <i>Indenture Papers</i>		2pm	10.00pm	7.30am	6.00am/4.00am
Conference Closing: Prof. Biman C. Prasad					
Concluding Remarks: Farzana Gounder					
Session 4: Concluding (Repeat)					
Ravi Dev: Future Directions					
Indenture Data Base Presentation		6.00pm to	2.00am to	11.30am to	10.00am/8.00am to
Launch of Journal: <i>Indenture Papers</i>		8.00pm	4.00am	1.30pm	12pm/10.00am
Conference Closing Prof. Biman C. Prasad					
Concluding Remarks: Farzana Gounder					

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